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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	)	Box Sequence
H. UEMURA et al.	)	Examiner:
Appln. No.: 09/856,298	)	Washington, D.C.
Filed: May 21, 2001	)	October 1, 2001
For: NOVEL SERINE PROTEASE	)	Atty. Docket: UEMURA=6
BSSP4	)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee including additional claims, please amend the present application as follows:

C Please cancel claims 1 and 2 without prejudice and add new claims 76-86 as follows:

A Please cancel claims 3-54 and 58 without prejudice.

1-54 & 58 cancelled 55-57, 59, 64, 66-71 amended

Please replace claims 55-57, 59, 64, and 66-71, with new amended claims 55-57, 59, 64, and 66-71 to eliminate multiple dependencies as follows below:

B Please replace claims 55-57, 64, 66-69, and 71 with new amended claims 55-57, 64, 66-69, and 71 as follows below. A marked up version of the amended claims to show the changes made is attached hereto.

55(Twice-Amended). A vector comprising the nucleotide sequence according to claim 77.

56(Twice-Amended). Transformed cells having the nucleotide sequence according to 77 in an expressible state.